

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 4th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 4 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 5)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off south side of Lewisville Road (PA 472)

CITY, TOWN

Lewisville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 1 / PA: 5

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Cecil / PA: Chester

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <b>state boundary marker</b>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A  
(see surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Cecil County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CE-1014 entered 3/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 4(5) marks Mason and Dixon's fourth mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland on their West Line. Of 24 monuments and sites now marking the Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, it is an original milestone set in 1766 at an original site preliminarily surveyed in 1765.

The area here is rural, rolling farmland, with few small settlements, mostly scattered along the main roads, interspersed with deciduous woodlands. As with Milestone Nos. 1(2), 2(3), and 3(4): the south side of the boundary is part of the large 5,377.91 acre Maryland Fair Hill Natural Resource Management area. The site is located about 1.4 miles north-northeast of the settlement of Fair Hill, Maryland; about 0.6 mile southeast of the settlement of Lewisville, Pennsylvania; about 1600' off the south side of Lewisville Road at the south edge of a large cultivated field bordered by a farm service lane. It cannot be seen from any public road, but easily from nearby along the lane and is dubiously protected from farm machinery.

The monument, reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, presently stands about 1½' above ground and with part of the concrete collar foundation now exposed. As with all other original Mason and Dixon milestones: it is a squared oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top. All four sides now measure about 11" wide; the letter P on the north (Pennsylvania) side, M on the south (Maryland) side and all other embellishments are extremely weathered and pitted, with large chips at the top corners and all edges, with top planes no longer discernible and with several large pits. It is firmly in place, however; in fair condition, and very neglected.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for description of original milestones and 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. 4(5) is significant primarily as one of 111 original Mason and Dixon milestones still standing along their West Line, the boundary commonly known as the Mason-Dixon Line since Civil War times and notable for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, was monumented the following year, where it remains to this day, although reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 17 original milestones within the present Cecil/Chester and Lancaster county boundary, No. 4(5) is also significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial and Civil War heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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(see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

UTM: 18.42599.439704

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Chester

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

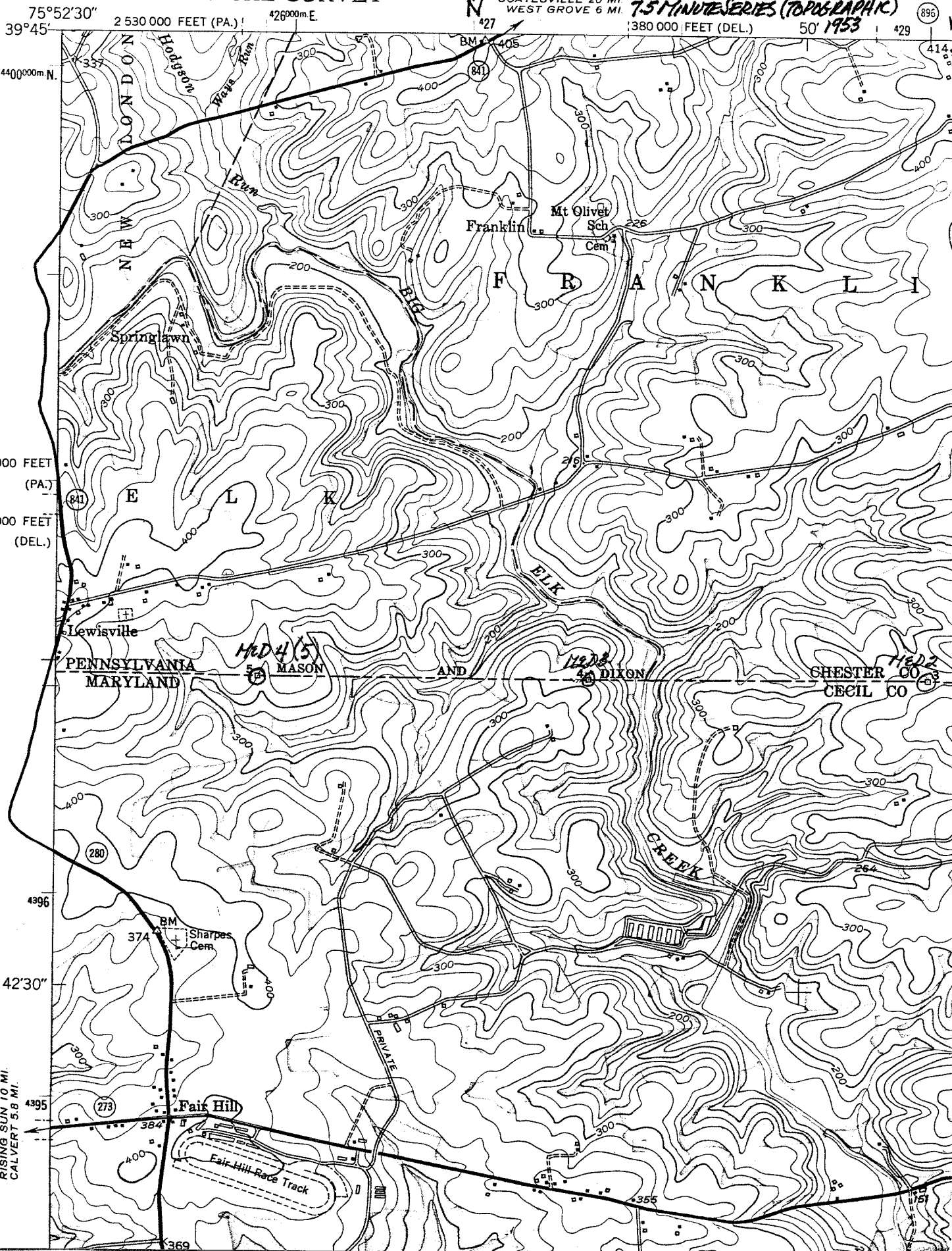
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

CE-1014  
MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 4 (5)

SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
NEEDARK WEST QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-DELAWARE-PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
COATESVILLE 20 MI  
WEST GROVE 6 MI





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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 4 (5)  
SE CORNER (M/-)

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 4 (5) NW CORNER (P/-)

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